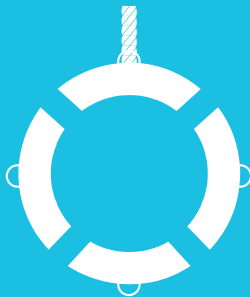


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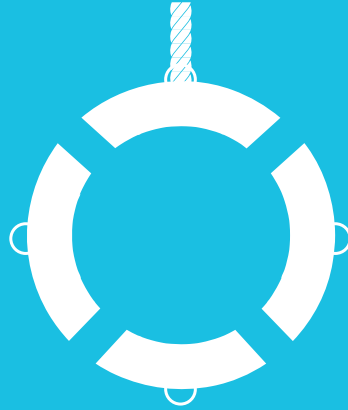


Protecting
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Saving Lives

Allowing authorised health and care staff to view information from your GP record will provide them with important and potentially life-saving information; it will also help to reduce unnecessary repeat tests, such as blood tests and X-rays.

Sharing your medical record could save your life

Did you know...

Your GP medical record is the most complete record of your health and wellbeing.

But did you know that when you attend hospital, access mental health services, out of hours services, or need emergency care, those treating you may not be able to access your record? Your Care Connected makes it possible to share vital information about you to improve the medical care that you receive across Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull.

Your Care Connected allows doctors, nurses and authorised health and care staff directly caring for you to securely view information from your GP record to provide you with better, safer care.

How this helps you

- ♥ Faster and easier access to your medical information, which could save your life
- ♥ Provides vital information such as any medication you take and the dosage, any allergies you may have, any important diagnoses, any recent test results and the name of your GP
- ♥ Improves the safety and quality of your care
- ♥ Less time spent filling in forms
- ♥ More secure than your GP sending via fax or recorded delivery to the participating organisations (which is a common alternative)
- ♥ Enables safer delivery of care in an emergency

"Your Care Connected will take a lot of the stress away from hospital visits; having one system tell my story, providing all the reliable and essential information about me will help to provide me with better care" Adrian, Patient



Saving Time

Quicker access to your medical information could help reduce the number of forms you need to complete, reduce waiting times and reduce unnecessary stays in hospital.

Sharing your medical record saves time

Who will be able to view your information?

Only authorised health and care staff that are directly providing you with care, when receiving care from local hospitals, community services, mental health services, urgent care services and emergency services.

This is available to improve the care you receive for services across Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull.

A full list of organisations and the types of authorised health and care staff that can securely view information for direct patient care are available on our website at:

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What will they see?

Authorised health and care staff treating you are currently able to view the following parts of your medical record:

- ♥ Allergies
- ♥ Medication
- ♥ Diagnoses
- ♥ Test results
- ♥ Vaccinations and immunisations
- ♥ Dates of GP and Hospital attendance
- ♥ Demographic information (age, gender, etc.)
- ♥ Medical procedures
- ♥ Concerns related to abuse of vulnerable children or adults (*if applicable*)
- ♥ End of life wishes and Supportive Care details (*if applicable*)

Please note that information shared is only used for direct patient care. It is not used for any other purpose such as research and it is not given or sold to anyone else.



Protecting Information

Only authorised health and care staff can view your medical record when you receive direct patient care. What's more, access is provided through a locked network ensuring your information is always secured to the highest possible standards.

The information you share will always be protected

What is not shared?

Your Care Connected does not share everything from your GP record.

We follow national guidance on patient confidentiality and the sharing of sensitive information. As a result, Your Care Connected does not currently share information relating to:

- ♥ IVF treatment
- ♥ HIV and AIDS
- ♥ Gender reassignment
- ♥ Sexually transmitted infections
- ♥ Termination of pregnancy
- ♥ Free text from GP consultations

Your information, your choice

Your Care Connected will share your information to improve the care you receive but you can request to opt out.

If you are happy to share your medical information with those treating you, then you do not need to do anything further.

Opting Out

If you decide to opt out of Your Care Connected your GP record will not be shared electronically, even in emergency situations.

You will also be opting out of other GP record sharing schemes, for example, restricting access to extended services and appointments that are being provided by neighbouring GP practices.

If you wish to opt out, you can either download an opt-out form from our website to print out and hand in to your practice, or ask your practice receptionist for an opt-out form.

Would you like to know more?

Please visit

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Alternatively, you can email the team

InfoMidlandsYourCareConnected@nhs.net



Or call them on

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